

TIGER TEALE SAVES WALTON'S LEAD

F.A. CUP (3rd QUALIFYING ROUND)

WALTON & HERSHAM 1 WYCOMBE WANDERERS 0

IN a match that degenerated into an untidy scrap, a fifth-minute goal on Saturday let Walton into the fourth qualifying round — for the fifth successive season.

This was a well-earned victory over the Isthmian League champions, Richard Teale, who has been improving all season in goal, made three tigerish saves — and an instinctive dive when all seemed lost in the last minute — that earned him rapturous applause from the 2,25 crowd.

The tension of the event and the intense rivalry between these two sides too often dulled their creative spirits, and with Referee Mr. D. Revell hopelessly ineffectual, the more aggressive elements were allowed to take charge.

At times in the second half it almost seemed that the ball was of secondary importance as both sides went for each other. Wycombes Searle was lucky not to be sent off for kicking Teale after the ball was out of play, and Walton's Bassett was lucky not to be booked for booting the ball downfield after being pulled up for a silly foul.

It had all seemed so different at the start with Walton taking the initiative and quickly exposing the flaws in the Wycombe defence. Defender Rundle hacked the ball away for a corner as Morris set up Foskett, then keeper Maskell showed his nervousness when he half-palmed away Bassett's corner, Delaney completed the clearance.

Maskell's indecision was to prove fatal. In the fifth minute SMITH'S corner from the right curled wickedly under the cross-bar and Maskell missed it completely.

Wycombe hit back imme-

diately and Teale made a good save as Searle turned in the six yard box to hook a fierce volley from Horseman's low cross.

Connell then made a swift break from inside his own half and hit a low crossfield ball to Morris, unmarked on the right—but he scooped his shot over.

Walton kept up the pressure and Hutchinson cleared off the line as Foskett flicked on Donaldson's long throw, with Maskell hopelessly out of position.

Suddenly Searle found himself free on the edge of six yard box and hit a low shot that Teale just got a hand to. The ball rolled agonisingly across the goal-mouth with Woffinden trying to clear and Horseman trying to stab it in. Finally the ball was switched back to Amos, whose chip shot was well taken by Teale.

Moments later Teale

saved from Searle's header. Then Maskell, after starting to go the wrong way, threw himself to his right to fingertip away a low Somers shot.

At the start of the second half Teale made three superb saves from fierce low shots by Gane, Horseman and Searle.

Walton too had their chances. Morris hit a delightful lob over the defence for Somers to win a challenge with Maskell on the edge of the area and hit a looping cross. This was half-cleared to Morris, who drove wide.

As the tension mounted, the fouls multiplied. In a quick break Connell burst through on to a pass from Morris but Maskell saved at his feet. In the 85th minute Maskell's misery was completed when he was booked for a remark to the referee after an off-the-ball incident between

Connell and Olsen.

Moments later Roy Thomas was booked for a foul on Hutchinson near the half-way line.

In injury time Wycombe broke the Walton defensive cover and with the defenders appealing for offside Horseman ran clear on to a pass from Pritchard and shot from ten yards.

Teale parried it, and Hutchinson's return shot went wide.

Finally Lambert was booked for kicking the ball away near the half-way line.

Swans

WALTON now play So the fourth qualifying round Saturday week. Last season the first qualifying round Dartford.

Said Walton manager A be a good draw for us, and I am sure we can do underestimating them."

With the keeper at Connell's feet, Morris flicks for goal . . .

